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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-13 and 16-20 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 887,923 in view of U.S. Patent 1,117,277. The Examiner also rejected Claims 7-13 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner did, however, indicate that if the Applicant were to clearly recite that "the oil contaminants were able to pass through the central opening of the claimed heat distributor when in use," that this would appear to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art.

By this paper, the Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the language suggested by the Examiner and the Applicant has also amended Claims 7 and 15 to change the dependency also in the manner suggested by the Examiner. The Applicant believes that these amendments bring the above-captioned application in condition for allowance and requests the prompt allowance of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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